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Ingleside ship deploys to support disaster relief efforts

High Speed Vessel HSV 2 Swift deployed Jan. 3 to support the Tsunami disaster relief efforts in the U.S. Pacific Command Area of Responsibility vicinity of Singapore. Capitalizing on her high speed ability, the SWIFT responded on short notice to meet the needs of the humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. SWIFT will provide a high speed connectivity capability to the Disaster relief coordinator, and much needed fast heavy lift to shallow water areas impacted by the Tsunami.

The SWIFT crew expeditiously and enthusiastically responded to the tasking in order to meet our country's commitment to the humanitarian effort.

HSV 2 SWIFT, homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas, is a wave-piercing, aluminum-hulled, catamaran with military enhancements such as a helicopter flight deck, small boat and unmanned vehicle launch and recovery capability and an enhanced communications suite. It can travel at up to 48 knots and features a modular design, which allows the ship to be refitted to support any mission without requiring long shipyard periods. SWIFT has participated in numerous bi-lateral operations throughout the world to include a West African Training Cruise (WATC) which required numerous riverine operations with multiple countries in Africa, a combined Army/Marine Joint Logistic Over the Shore (JLOTS) exercise in Honduras, and a Mine Warfare operation in Norwegian forces in support of exercise Blue Game, to list a few.